

Cancer and Related News  
Week of July 17, 2017



**Comprehensive  
Cancer Control**  
*Collaborating to Conquer Cancer*

### Research/Tools/Announcements



#### **Eleven State Teams Develop Colorectal Cancer Screening Plans at 80% by 2018 Forum II**

CDC hosted the second 80% by 2018 Forum: *Increasing Colorectal Cancer Screening Rates Through Enhanced Partnerships between Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalitions and Federally Qualified Health Centers* on July 18-19 in Atlanta GA.

Nearly 100 participants, presenters, trainers, facilitators, and subject matter experts attended this 1 ½ day training.

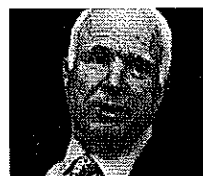
Eleven teams were selected; Idaho, Missouri, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Indiana, New Jersey, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, and Rhode Island.

State teams created action plans focusing on evidence-based strategies such as building and sustaining partner/stakeholders (local roundtables, coalition workgroups), enhancing patient navigation

systems, provider feedback and assessment, and a number of communication strategies.

Follow-up technical assistance will be provided to help teams finalize and implement their action plans. The 80% by 2018 Forum III will be held September 6-7 with another group of 11 state teams. The Forums are a collaboration with CDC, National Cancer Institute, American Cancer Society, Health Resources and Services Administration, National Association of Community Health Centers, National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable, and the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors.

For more information on the 80% by 2018 initiative, go to: <http://nccrt.org/tools/80-percent-by-2018/>



#### **Senator John McCain Diagnosed with Brain Cancer**

Senator John McCain has been diagnosed with the aggressive brain cancer glioblastoma. Last week, he underwent surgery to remove a blood clot above his left eye. A subsequent pathology report of that tissue found that it was cancerous.

"The Senator and his family are reviewing further treatment options with his Mayo Clinic care team," his office said in a written statement.

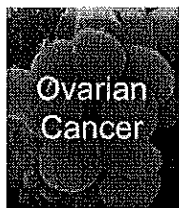
Glioblastoma is the most common form of brain cancer, making up 16 percent of all brain malignancies. It is rare, striking some three people out of 100,000 in the U.S. McCain has had multiple cases of melanoma, a skin cancer, that have been removed surgically according to health records he made public during his 2008 presidential bid. However McCain's glioblastoma is a primary tumor, doctors said in the note issued by his office, meaning that it arose independently of those previous bouts of cancer.

#### **New Fact Sheet on U.S. Cancer Statistics Available**

A new [fact sheet \(PDF\)](#) on the United States Cancer Statistics has been posted along with the release of the 1999-2014 data set. Information on the sheet includes an overview of the most recent data and the new [Data Visualizations tool](#), which shows the data in graph and chart formats.

## Webinars

- Thursday, July 27 1:00 pm ET  
The **Links of Care Update webinar** on Thursday, July 27 at 1:00 pm ET will feature an overview of the Links of Care pilot projects, which engage medical communities in helping uninsured and underinsured people get colorectal cancer screening.
- Tuesday, August 3 3:00 pm ET  
During "Reducing Breast Cancer Disparities at the State Level: Successes and Lessons Learned from the ASTHO Breast Cancer Learning Community," teams from three states will present lessons learned in addressing racial disparities in breast cancer. DCPC partnered with the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials to sponsor the event. [Register here.](#)
- Wednesday, September 20 12:00 pm ET  
Young and Strong Webcast Series will feature "Integrative Therapies and Breast Cancer." Jennifer Ligibel MD Will review therapies including acupuncture, message, Reiki, meditation, as well as exercise and nutrition consultation.  
Online registration is now open, register at <https://tinyurl.com/ybr2vms6>
- **Replay of NCCRT Webinar** – "How to Evaluate Activities to Increase CRC Screening and Awareness: Evaluation Toolkit"  
In case you missed it, access a replay of the June 27 webinar on our updated [How to Evaluate Activities to Increase CRC Screening and Awareness: Evaluation Toolkit](#) here: [https://youtu.be/7uoWg1rl\\_xM](https://youtu.be/7uoWg1rl_xM)  
As a reminder, all NCCRT webinars are archived and can be accessed [here](#).



## USPSTF Stays Course on Ovarian Cancer Screening

Reprinted from *MedPage Today*, July 18, 2017

Clinicians should not screen for ovarian cancer in women who have no signs or symptoms of the disease, according to a **draft recommendation** from the United States Preventive Services Task Force.

The Grade D recommendation, available for public comment until Aug. 14, reaffirms a **2012 USPSTF recommendation** against ovarian cancer screening for asymptomatic women.

The recommendation does not apply to women who are known carriers of *BRCA1/2* mutations, which increase the risk of developing ovarian cancer.

No major medical organization recommends screening the general population of women for ovarian cancer, USPSTF officials said in a statement.

"The task force found that screening women without signs or symptoms for ovarian cancer does not decrease the number of deaths from the disease and may lead to unnecessary surgeries," said task force member Maureen Phipps, MD, of Brown University in Providence, R.I.

"The current screening tests do not do a good job identifying whether a woman does or does not have ovarian cancer," added USPSTF chair David Grossman, MD, of Group Health and the University of Washington in Seattle.

"The Task Force hopes that in the future, better screening tests for ovarian cancer will be developed."

The draft recommendation and the evidence review supporting the recommendation have been posted to the **USPSTF website**.

Individuals or groups **may submit public comments** about either document through the website.

Following the public comment period, the USPSTF will review the comments and make revisions, if any are deemed necessary, before releasing a final recommendation, which will be posted to the task force website and published in a major medical journal.

## Cancer Prevention and Control

*Click on links below to access latest media releases:*

### Breast Cancer

- 7/19/17 [Some women may benefit from delaying breast reconstruction following mastectomy](#)
- 7/19/17 [Why do BRCA1 mutations cause predominantly breast and ovarian cancer?](#)
- 7/18/17 [FDA approves new treatment to reduce the risk of breast cancer returning](#)

### Prostate Cancer

- 7/18/17 [Little Evidence That Vasectomy Raises Prostate Cancer Risk](#)

### Survivorship

- 7/19/17 [Social interaction affects cancer patients' response to treatment](#)

### General Cancer Research/News

- 7/19/17 [Combining CAR T cells with existing immunotherapies may overcome resistance in glioblastomas](#)
- 7/19/17 [Is cancer just a question of 'bad luck'?](#)
- 7/19/17 [Doctors' group offers ideas for easing cancer costs](#)
- 7/19/17 [Definitive genomic study reveals alterations driving most medulloblastoma brain tumors](#)
- 7/19/17 [Discovery could lead to better results for patients undergoing radiation](#)
- 7/19/17 [Distress screening tied to fewer ER visits for cancer patients](#)
- 7/19/17 [What makes cancer gene therapy so groundbreaking?](#)
- 7/18/17 [Two-Drug Combination Approved for Lung Cancers with BRAF Mutations](#)
- 7/18/17 [Partnering cells turn off immune attack on pancreatic tumors](#)

## Tobacco Prevention and Control

- 7/19/17 [Very low rate of early use of prescription smoking cessation medications among older patients after heart attack](#)
- 7/19/17 [Global anti-smoking measures quadruple since 2007: WHO report](#)

## Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity

- 7/19/17 [Are sugary drink interventions changing people's behavior?](#)
- 7/19/17 [Obese patients don't need to lose weight before total joint replacement, study finds](#)
- 7/19/17 [Gaining a few pounds may increase long-term heart failure risk](#)

## Diabetes Prevention and Control

- 7/19/17 [Diabetes or its precursor affects 100 million Americans](#)
- 7/18/17 [Early menopause is independently linked to an increased risk of developing type 2 diabetes](#)

## Other News of Interest

- 7/19/17 [Blood test identifies key Alzheimer's marker](#)
- 7/19/17 [New animal models for hepatitis C could pave the way for a vaccine](#)

**National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP)**  
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## **Welcome To OCMH'S News You Can Use for Friday, August 4, 2017!!!**

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The Ohio Commission on Minority Health announces round five of availability of funds for fiscal years 2018/2019 to newly certified HUB expansion grants. This is a competitive-bid process. This funding will allow for the expansion of newly certified pathways community HUBs to address infant mortality.

Please click [HERE](#) to access the RFP.

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**Check the Commission's website on August 7<sup>th</sup> For  
the Second round of the 2018 Minority Health Month  
RFP!!**



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**WHEN:**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017**

**PROGRAM AND DINNER AT 6:00 PM**

**WHERE:**

**THE OHIO UNION**

**1739 NORTH HIGH STREET**

**COLUMBUS OH 43210**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION: LAURA HERNANDEZ**

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# **Ohio Health Policy News**

## **08/04/2017**

HPIO online seminar to explore latest developments in federal health reform

Although the Senate failed to repeal or replace the ACA last week, the future of federal health policy remains unclear. So what comes next in terms of health reform.

Given the uncertainty surrounding federal health policy, HPIO is hosting **a series of online seminars** where state and national experts will provide analysis of the latest developments in Washington and explain what they could mean for Ohio.

The second of these three online seminars is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Thursday Aug. 24, featuring Robert Laszewski, President, Health Policy and Strategy Associates, Inc. and author of the **Health Care Policy and Marketplace Review**. Laszewski is an influential national expert on the healthcare market. His writing has appeared in Forbes, Kaiser Health News and other national publications. In addition, his consulting clients include health insurance companies, casualty insurance companies, HMOs, Blue Cross organizations, hospitals, pharmaceutical companies and physician groups.

Governors urge Trump to keep ACA cost-sharing subsidies

Democratic and Republican governors on Wednesday urged the Trump administration, as well as Congress, to continue funding payments to health insurance companies that make Obamacare plans affordable, calling it critical to stabilizing the insurance marketplace (Source: **"U.S. governors urge Trump to make insurance payments,"** Reuters, Aug. 2, 2017)

Republican President Donald Trump, frustrated that Obamacare survived attempts to repeal it, has threatened to cut off about \$8 billion in subsidies that help control costs for low-income Americans under the Affordable Care Act.

"The Administration has the opportunity to stabilize the health insurance market across our nation and ensure that our residents can continue to access affordable health care coverage," said a statement by the Health and Human Services Committee of the National Governors Association.

Some Congressional Republicans have joined Democrats in urging Trump to continue the payments. Republican Senator Lamar Alexander, chairman of the health committee, said Tuesday the president should pay the subsidies through September while lawmakers work on bipartisan legislation to fund the outlays for another year.

But the Senate's No. 2 Republican John Cornyn hesitated when asked Wednesday if he would support such legislation. "I've said before that I'm not in favor of throwing money at insurance companies without reform, so that's going to be the nature of the conversation," Cornyn told reporters outside his office.

#### ODI: 19 Ohio counties regain ACA marketplace plans

Officials with the Ohio Department of Insurance announced this week that they have worked with five health care insurers to cover 19 Ohio counties that otherwise wouldn't have had a health insurance option on the federal health care exchange next year (Source: **"Health care in Ohio: 19 counties to again have insurance option,"** Associated Press via the Lorain Morning Journal, July 31, 2017).

ODI joined Buckeye Health Plan, CareSource, Medical Mutual of Ohio, Molina Health Care of Ohio and Paramount Health Care in the announcement Monday.

Two major insurers had announced earlier this year that they would leave the exchange in 2018, leaving Ohioans in 20 counties without an option on the exchange. The department's statement says it's

working to restore coverage in the 20th county, Paulding, before late September.

The 19 counties are: Coshocton, Crawford, Guernsey, Hancock, Harrison, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Knox, Lawrence, Logan, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Van Wert, Vinton, Williams and Wyandot.

#### Ohio gets low score for cancer policies

Ohio has failed a recent evaluation by the American Cancer Society's Cancer Action Network, meeting just three of the network's nine public policy goals aimed at reducing cancer diagnoses and deaths (Source: "**Ohio fails on cancer-control policies, study finds**," Columbus Dispatch, Aug. 3, 2017)

The state was highly criticized in three areas: for not prohibiting minors from using tanning beds; for allocating just 10.3 percent of the federal government's recommended funding level for tobacco-control programs; and for appropriating less than one-third of matching funds to a federal award for breast and cervical cancer screening programs.

**The report**, released Thursday, focuses on tobacco cessation, access to care and quality-of-life issues, said Jeff Stephens, the network's government relations director.

"Ohio is just sort of average," Stephens said. "We've missed some big opportunities in the last handful of years, particularly in the past two biennial budgets, with really attacking the issues around tobacco control."

On the plus side, Ohio was singled out for being one of just four states that protect the most residents from secondhand smoke and one of just nine states that provide the most comprehensive tobacco cessation coverage through Medicaid. Ohio also was mentioned for being among the states that expanded Medicaid coverage to include families earning up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level (\$12,060 a year for the first person in a family, and \$4,180 for each additional person).

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## Public Notice

### Announcement - PASSPORT Waiver Public Comment Period

This is to inform you that the State of Ohio is offering the opportunity to comment on the PASSPORT waiver amendment being proposed to remove the Shared Living Service from the waiver. The comment period begins July 24, 2017 and ends on August 24, 2017. The link to the waiver document can be found at: <http://www.medicaid.ohio.gov/RESOURCES/PublicNotices/RemoveSharedLivingService.aspx>

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### Webinar Invitation



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# Molina Healthcare of Ohio Webinar Session

## Senior Scams

Join Molina staff and Ryan Lippe, Consumer Educator in the Consumer Protection Section of the Office of Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine for a presentation about avoiding scams targeting senior citizens.

### *When*

Monday  
August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
12 – 1 pm EST time

### *Where*

This will be a webinar session. To access the meeting:

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to: <https://molina.webex.com/molina/j.php?MTID=m89094f05ee3e2728b8e815cb14418bf5>

2. If requested, enter your name and email address.

3. Click "Join".

4. Follow the instructions that appear on your screen.

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1. Provide your number when you join the meeting to receive a call back. Alternatively, you can call following number:

US Toll-Free: 855-665-4629

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2. Follow the instructions that you hear on the phone.

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Please send an email to [Ashley.Vandyke@MolinaHealthcare.com](mailto:Ashley.Vandyke@MolinaHealthcare.com)

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## 2017 Infant Mortality Conference

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### Brief Conference Summary

Theme: *EveryOne Should Turn One* Infant Mortality Conference

**Conference Goals:** To inform the community about infant mortality; and build up and strengthen collective action to enact policies and take action to address factors that contribute to infant mortality at the systems, community/environment, and grassroots levels

Location: **Dayton Convention Center**

Dates: **September 22-23, 2017**

**Executive Summary**



## **September Infant Mortality Conference**

The Dayton & Montgomery County Infant Mortality Task Force Team is engaged in a community awareness campaign to increase awareness - at the policy/systems, community/environment, and grassroots/affected population level - of all aspects of infant mortality, including contributing factors, the disparity gap, prevention strategies, and ways to work collaboratively to improve the health outcome.

In September, a conference is being planned by a collaborative team of many partners from diverse sectors. The conference will be supported by the Dayton & Montgomery County Infant Mortality Task Force Team, OEI/MCH team, PHDMC staff, the planning team and other partners, and community volunteers.

The goal of the conference is to inform the community about infant mortality, and build up and strengthen collective action to enact policies, and take action to address infant mortality at the systems, community/environment, and grassroots levels, to address contributing factors.

Thursday evening will be invitation only with partners at the systems-level, including city, county, state and federal government, health, social services, academic, civic, and other leaders. The lead is Terra Williams.

Friday will be designed for stakeholders, i.e., clinical providers, academicians, and other professionals, with CEs/contact hours offered to nurses. The co-leads are Maleka Embry and Cheryl Scroggins.

Saturday will be designed for the grassroots community and providers serving particularly target populations. The co-leads are Maleka Embry and Cheryl Scroggins.

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## **Ohio Health Policy News**

**07/28/2017**

### U.S. Senate votes down ACA repeal plan

The U.S. Senate in the early hours of Friday morning rejected a new, scaled-down Republican plan to repeal parts of the Affordable Care

Act, derailing the Republicans' seven-year campaign to dismantle President Barack Obama's signature health care law (Source: **"Senate Rejects Slimmed-Down Obamacare Repeal as McCain Votes No,"** New York Times, July 27, 2017).

Republican senators Susan Collins of Maine, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and John McCain of Arizona joined all 48 Democratic senators in opposing the bill.

The "skinny repeal" bill, as it became known at the Capitol this week, would have increased the number of people who are uninsured by 15 million next year compared with current law, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office. Premiums for people buying insurance on their own would have increased roughly 20 percent, the budget office said.

The new, eight-page Senate bill, called the Health Care Freedom Act, was unveiled just hours before the vote. It would have ended the requirement that most people have health coverage, known as the individual mandate. But it would not have put in place other incentives for people to obtain coverage — a situation that insurers say would leave them with a pool of sicker, costlier customers. It would also have ended the requirement that large employers offer coverage to their workers.

With so many senators in both parties railing against the fast-track procedures that Republican leaders used, a return to health care seemed certain to go through the committees, where bipartisanship and deliberation are more likely.

#### Feds unveil plans for uncompensated-care fund cuts

Starting this October, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services could begin cutting billions in federal funds meant to help hospitals with uncompensated-care costs (Source: **"Billions in federal uncompensated-care funds to be cut starting in October,"** Modern Healthcare, July 27, 2017).

The Affordable Care Act mandated that Medicaid disproportionate-share hospital funds be cut by \$43 billion between fiscal 2018 and 2025. During negotiations over the ACA, hospital lobby groups acquiesced to the cuts under the assumption that expanded coverage

from the healthcare reform law would reduce the need for the funding.

Congress delayed the cuts, which were supposed to start in 2014, after hospitals complained that increased patient traffic wasn't outpacing uncompensated-care costs. The most recent extension expires Sept. 30.

The agency announced its plans in a **proposed rulemaking Thursday**. The cuts build year over year, starting at \$2 billion in fiscal 2018, before making its way to \$8 billion by fiscal 2025.

#### Ohio healthcare transparency law in legal limbo

Two years after it passed unanimously in Ohio's state Legislature, a law meant to inform patients what health care procedures will cost has yet to be implemented (Source: "**Health-care price transparency faces opposition in Ohio from hospitals and doctors**," Kaiser Health News via Cincinnati Enquirer, July 23, 2017).

One of the most stringent in a group of similar state laws being proposed across the country, Ohio's Healthcare Price Transparency Law stipulated that providers had to give patients a "good faith" estimate of what non-emergency services would cost individuals after insurance before they commenced treatment.

But the law didn't go into force on Jan. 1 as scheduled. The Ohio Hospital Association, one of the most vocal critics of the law, has filed a court injunction that is currently delaying enactment.

Joining the hospital association in its legal action are a wide range of provider groups including Ohio State Medical Association, the Ohio Psychological Association, the Ohio Physical Therapy Association, and the Ohio chapters of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American College of Surgeons, and the American Osteopathic Association. These groups say that the law, which applies only to elective procedures, is too broad and that forcing providers to create estimates before procedures would slow down patient care.

But Jerry Friedman, a retired health policy adviser for the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, said the opposition doesn't stem

from genuine concern about patients but from a desire to keep the secret rates that providers have negotiated with insurers under wraps. Transparency would mean explaining to consumers why the hospital charged them \$1,000 for a test, he said, adding that providers = 3don't want to expose this house of cards they've built between hospital physician industry and the insurance industry."

Rep. Jim Butler, an Oakwood Republican who authored the law, said, "If you really want patients to be empowered, they really need the information."

The law's next test will come in August, when the first court hearing on the association's lawsuit is scheduled. The Kasich administration said it couldn't comment on the law because of the pending litigation.

#### State OKs additional \$6 million for medical marijuana set up

The State Controlling Board, a legislative panel that oversees state expenditures, on Monday approved an additional \$6 million to pay for startup expenses for the Ohio Medical Marijuana Program (Source: "**Medical marijuana set-up costing Ohio taxpayers \$6 million more**," Columbus Dispatch, July 25, 2017).

In separate votes, the board approved an additional \$1.6 million for the Ohio Board of Pharmacy and \$4.4 million for the Ohio Commerce Department. Both agencies are involved in setting up the new program to permit the sale of medical marijuana to qualifying patients by September 2018.

The money earmarked for the Board of Pharmacy will be used to hire a consultant to create a scoring system to approve marijuana dispensary licenses, pay for a toll-free hotline and cover anticipated legal expenses, according to Controlling Board documents. The Commerce Department said it will use the new money primarily for a "seed-to-sale" database tracking program related to the planting, harvest, processing and sale of medical marijuana and products containing it to people with any of 21 specified diseases, medical conditions and chronic pain.

About \$5 million was previously approved by the Controlling Board for related startup expenses. State agencies that they expect to be able

to repay some of the advance money from licenses and fees when the program is up and running.

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## HANNAH NEWS UPDATE: House Overrides 11 Budget Vetoes But Leaves Medicaid Expansion Question Pending

This morning, the House of Representatives overrode 11 of the governor's 47 budget vetoes, seven of which addressed various aspects of the Medicaid program. However, the veto of the freeze on Medicaid expansion has been left pending. See Thursday's *Hannah Report* for more details.

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## Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Public Comment Survey

The Federal Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Program is the nation's oldest federal-state partnership aimed at promoting and improving the health, safety, and wellbeing of MCH populations. The MCH Block Grant provides a foundation for funding services to ensure the health of Ohio's mothers, women, children and youth, including children and youth with special health care needs, and their families.

The Ohio Department of Health, Office of Health Improvement and Wellness (OHIW), Bureau of Maternal, Child and Family Health, is charged with administering the Title V MCH Block Grant Program in Ohio. Part of that charge involves soliciting feedback annually regarding the strategies, objectives, activities and performance measures used to address the most critical needs for MCH populations across Ohio. We are currently in the second year of a 5-year cycle. The strategies submitted in this year's Block Grant application are the basis for our work over the 5-year period. We invite and encourage you to take the survey and share your comments with us.

Click here <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BlockGrantSurvey> to access the survey. This survey is open for a 30 day public comment period.

Please share this information with your staff and stakeholders (local organizations, advisory groups, sub grantees, consumer groups, etc.) across the state. We ask that you let us know who you have forwarded this announcement to so we can track our outreach.

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Attend HPIO's forum "Linking health and wealth: How economic vitality can lead to healthier Ohioans"

In order to be healthy, we all need the opportunity to earn a sufficient income and live in affordable, safe neighborhoods. As health care providers, insurers and health departments increasingly are held accountable for improving population health, addressing poverty and fostering economic vitality becomes even more important. Policymakers often cite the state's economic climate, however opinions on how to best accomplish this goal vary.

This forum explores state policy options to improve health outcomes and health equity by increasing economic development, labor force participation and income mobility.

Speakers include:

- \* **Anjum Hajar**, University of Washington School of Public Health
- \* **David Norris**, Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity
- \* **David Lipsetz**, Housing Assistance Council
- \* **Hannah Halbert**, Policy Matters Ohio
- \* **Rea Hederman**, The Buckeye Institute
- \* And more to be announced!

Lunch will be served (vegetarian options available) Registration begins at 9:00 with program starting at 9:30. General attendance fee is \$65

**Register Now!**

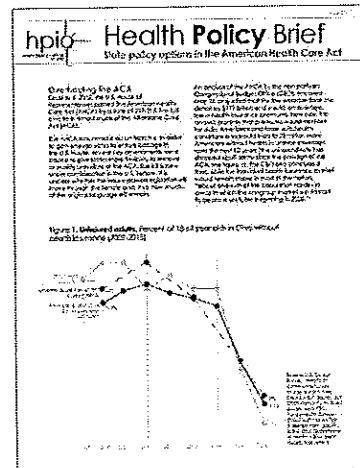
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HPIO brief explores American Health Care Act decisions for states

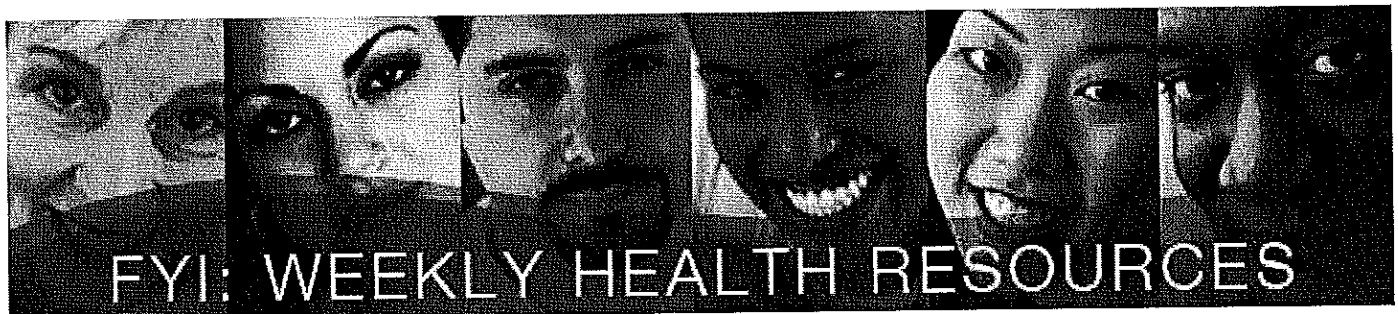
The Health Policy Institute of Ohio has released its latest policy brief, "**State policy options in the American Health Care Act.**"

Last month, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the American Health Care Act, a bill aimed at overhauling much of the Affordable Care Act. Although the AHCA is sometimes referred to as a bill to "repeal and replace" the ACA, it leaves many of the decisions to alter the 2010 health reform law in the hands of states.



Given the considerable flexibility in the AHCA for states, Ohio policymakers will have additional policy options available to them if the current bill is signed into law. The new HPIO publication highlights some of the areas in which Ohio policymakers will encounter new decision points.

In addition, the publication estimates changes to 2017 individual marketplace premiums had ACHA provisions been in place during the most-recent open enrollment period. **County profiles** with estimated premiums for various ages and incomes, as well as county-level marketplace enrollment data, are posted for a number of Ohio counties.





August 2, 2017

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## Funding

### OMHRC Funding

- HHS/OMH, Office of Minority Health Resource Center (OMHRC): Health Information Campaign for American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Subcontracts. OMHRC is awarding subcontracts to organizations that primarily serve the AI/AN populations to strengthen existing HIV prevention services, testing, and increase AI/AN referrals to HIV care. For further information, please contact [Elton Naswood](#). Deadline for application is August 18, 2017, 5:00 pm ET | Access a recording of the [Informational webinar](#).

### Federal Grants

- HHS/Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA): Substance Abuse Treatment Telehealth Network Grant Program. The purpose of this program is to demonstrate how telehealth programs and networks can improve access to health care services, particularly substance abuse treatment services, in rural, frontier, and underserved communities. Deadline is August 23, 2017. [Learn more](#).
- HHS/National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Cancer Institute (NCI): US Tobacco Control Policies to Reduce Health Disparities (R01) Research Project Grant. Deadline for Letter of Intent (LOI) is September 11, 2017. [Learn more](#) | A Technical Assistance webinar will be held August 8, 2017, 2:00 pm ET. [Register](#).
- HHS/NIH, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI): Notice of Intent to Publish a Funding Opportunity Announcement for 'Programs to Increase Diversity among Individuals

Engaged in Health Related Research' (PRIDE) Summer Institutes (R25). Estimated publication date of announcement is December 2017. [Learn more](#).

### Non-Federal Grants

- Truth Initiative: 2017 Tobacco-Free College Program for Community Colleges and Minority-Serving Institutions. Deadline is October 11, 2017. [Learn more](#) | A Technical Assistance webinar will be held August 16, 2017, 3:00 pm ET. [Register](#).

### Scholarships / Fellowships / Internships / Mentoring

- Study.com: Scholarship for Hispanics. To participate in this scholarship contest, applicants must meet the following criteria: They must be a US Citizen or Permanent US Resident, must be enrolled (or accepted) in an accredited college or university, and must be of Hispanic descent. Deadline is April 1, 2018. [Learn more](#).

### OMHRC at Local Conferences

**AADE17**  
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- OMHRC will be at the [American Association of Diabetes Educators \(AADE\)](#) conference, **August 4-6** in Indianapolis, IN. Come visit us at booth #2034!

### American Indian/Alaska Native Health



## Oversampling Study

- HHS/OMH and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): Call for participation in the 2017 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Oversampling Study (BRFSS). This phone survey aims to increase understanding of health-related risk behaviors, chronic health conditions, access to care and use of preventive services in AI/AN populations. The states participating in the oversampling study are: Alaska, Arizona, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. [Learn more.](#)

## Events

- HHS/Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services (CMS): All Tribe's Call. Technical Assistance and Outreach on Medicaid Billing and Payment for Services Provided Outside the Four Walls by Indian Health Service (IHS)/Tribal Employees and Non-IHS Providers. The purpose of this call is to provide technical assistance and a better understanding of the process for Tribes interested in enrolling as Medicaid Federally Qualified Health Centers. August 9, 2017, 2:30 pm ET. [Register.](#)
- HHS/OMH, National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities (NPA): Promoting Health Equity through Programs and Policies webinar series. Advancing Health Equity in Tribal Communities through Public Health Accreditation. This webinar will highlight the work that has been done by NPA and the [National Indian Health Board](#) at the national level as well as by local health care providers, such as the [Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center](#), to advance health equity and improve health outcomes for AI/ANs. August 24, 2017, 3:00 pm ET. [Register.](#)

## Black and African American Health

### Events

- HHS/OMH, OMHRC and the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing: Webinar. *Heart Disease Risk Factors among African Immigrants Residing in the United States*. Join Dr. Yvonne Commodore-Mensah, Assistant Professor of Community-Public Health Nursing at the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, for a discussion of current research on heart disease risk factors in African immigrants in the US, the role of acculturation on heart health, and clinical and public health strategies that might improve the heart health of African immigrants. August 11, 2017, 12:00 pm ET. [Register.](#)
- AEIMforward Tech Services and partner organizations: Call for abstracts for the 5th Annual United States Conference on African Immigrant and Refugee Health (USCAIH), *Advancing the Health of African Immigrants through Research, Advocacy and Community Engagement*. Event to be held in Washington, DC. Deadline is August 15, 2017. [Learn more.](#)

## Cultural Competence and CLAS

### Events

- Cross Cultural Health Care Program: Training. *Bridging the Gap Training of Trainers Institute*. This Training of Trainers (TOT) class is appropriate for staff of agencies and organizations that employ interpreters in medical and/or social service settings. The TOT class will provide participants with the curriculum, skills, and expertise necessary to offer Bridging the Gap in their home organizations. October 16-20, 2017 in Seattle, WA. [Learn more](#).

## Health Disparities

### Events

- Research Centers in Minority Institutions (RCMI): Registration now open for the *RCMI Translational Science 2017 Conference*. This event presents opportunities to share new approaches toward eliminating health disparities and developing the next generation of biomedical scientists. October 28-November 1, 2017 in Washington, DC. [Register](#).

## Hispanic/Latino Health

### Events

- The Latino Commission: Registration is open for the 5th Annual Central Valley Latino Conference, *Strengthening the Roots*. The conference will feature workshop presentations on mental health, behavioral health, and cultural competency for professionals serving the Hispanic/Latino community. August 24-25, 2017 in Visalia, CA. [Register](#).

## Infectious Diseases

### Resources

- HHS/CDC: *Zika Topic of the Week* widget. This widget offers helpful and timely information on the Zika virus. Download in [English](#) | Download in [Spanish](#).



## Public Health

### Events

- HHS and the National Public Health Information Coalition (NPHIC) recognize **August** as *National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM)*. This national health observance highlights the importance of vaccination for people of all ages. The 2017 NIAM Toolkit, developed by the CDC and NPHIC, includes sample key messages, media materials, social media messages, FAQs, and resources you can use to support the observance. [Learn more](#).
- SKC Center for Prevention & Wellness, in partnership with the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board and the Community HealthCare Association of the Dakotas: Registration now open for the 2017 Public Health Training Conference, *Connecting Community, Culture and Care*. This conference will address critical disease prevention and control strategies to promote, protect, and improve the health of communities while integrating local culture into comprehensive patient care. August 15-16, 2017 in Rapid City, SD. [Register](#).

## Substance Use



### Resources

- HHS/CDC: Online training. *Applying CDC's Guideline for Prescribing Opioids: An Online Training Series for Healthcare Providers*. This online training series aims to help health professionals apply CDC's [recommendations](#)[Learn more](#).

## Workforce Development

## Events

- HHS/HRSA, Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW): Workforce Grand Rounds webinar series. *Strengthening the Health Workforce Education Pipeline: Tools, Resources and Outcomes*. This webinar will increase awareness of health workforce education pipeline programs and share best practices regarding the need to recruit and retain students from disadvantaged backgrounds and underrepresented minorities. August 15, 2017, 2:00 pm ET. [Learn more](#).

## Job Opportunities

### OMHRC

- AMTIS is recruiting for a FT Communications Manager position within the Office of Minority Health Resource Center in Landover, MD. Open until filled. [Apply](#).

## @ The Knowledge Center - Recommended Reading

- In observance of National Immunization Awareness Month, we are highlighting *The Childhood Immunization Schedule and Safety, subtitled Stakeholder Concerns, Scientific Evidence, and Future Studies*, a publication of the National Academies Press. This book identifies research approaches, methodologies, and study designs that could address questions about the safety of the current child immunization schedule. The full text book is available free online. To view this title and find additional information, [search our online catalog](#).

Northeast Ohio Black Health Coalition  
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# **State of Mental Health Disparities in the African American Community Conference**

The Case for Correcting Cultural Trauma



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**Research and Reduce Mental Health Disparities in  
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Cleveland made national headlines in April, when Steve Stephens randomly murdered Robert Godwin and posted video of the act to Facebook. When Stephens took his own life, at the end of a widely publicized two-day manhunt, that was the end of the story for many.



## **The Importance of Cultural Competency in Mental Health Treatment**



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For mental health professionals, however, the story doesn't end there and certainly didn't begin just two days earlier. According to specialists, a long build-up frequently precedes seemingly sudden outbursts of violence. Yet America's mental health system fails minorities, including African Americans like Stephens, more often than the population as a whole.

Health professionals have recognized this disparity for years, and identified various factors at work. Yvonka Hall of Cleveland hopes to facilitate bringing these strands of research together to produce practical solutions.

The Northeast Ohio Black Health Coalition, which Hall leads, is presenting the "State of Mental Health Disparities in the African American Community Conference: The Case for Correcting Cultural Trauma" in August. "We saw the need for a comprehensive approach to the issues impacting the community as a whole," says Hall.

Both trauma and cultural competency are among the factors which experts see disadvantaging the African American community. The University of Connecticut's Center for Mental Health Disparities says that "many ethnoracial minorities experience cumulative experiences of racism as traumatic, with perhaps a minor event acting as 'the last straw' in triggering trauma reactions." Yet many clinicians overlook the cumulative effect of ongoing racial discrimination, they add.

In combination with other cultural blind spots,

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systemic barriers including cost have held back effective mental health care for minority communities, according to the American Psychological Association.

Hall says that the August conference will be an opportunity not only to catch up on these issues, but to do real work developing better responses. "The conference will examine the state of mental health disparities through historical documentation, systems exploration and personal testimonies," she says.

"This conference is a unique blend of the issues but also includes solutions," too, says Hall. A range of expert panelists will join attendees in breakout sessions, to explore policy responses for every level, from local communities up to state and national programs.

Nationally recognized award-winning author Julius Bailey, Ph.D., will be part of the conference. Its line-up also includes Ohio state Senator Charleta B. Taveres, and the chair of Case Western Reserve University's Bolton School of Nursing, Faye A. Gary, Ed.D, RN, FAAN. A community organizations panel discussion will feature the NAACP and groups from around the country.

The State of Mental Health Disparities in the African American Community Conference begins at noon on Friday, August 18, and continues on August 19 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The conference will take place at Doubletree by Hilton, 3663 Park



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**Patricia Taylor  
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East Drive in Beachwood. (To book accommodation at a conference rate, guests may call 216-464-5950.)

Conference registration is \$100, which includes breakfast, lunch and program materials.

Professional CEUs are also available in several fields. Guests can register online at [mentalhealthdisparitiesconference.eventbrite.com](http://mentalhealthdisparitiesconference.eventbrite.com) or by mail; checks should be made to NEO Black Health Coalition, PO Box 221442, Beachwood, OH 44122.

For more information, call 216-295-0283 or visit [neoblackhealthcoalition.org](http://neoblackhealthcoalition.org).

#### **About Northeast Ohio Black Health Coalition**

NEO Black Health Coalition's vision is to achieve health parity (equality) in the African American/Black population

NEOBHC's mission is to address disparities and inequities in education, employment housing, health and the impact on African American health disparities by working to empower, educate and advocate for under-served populations.

#### **About Yvonka Hall**

Yvonka Marie Hall is the Executive Director of the Northeast Ohio Black Health Coalition. She is a nationally recognized health disparities expert and serves as an advisor to numerous organizations.

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**Coming Home:  
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The 1974 murder of her mother dramatically changed her life; her childhood promise to use her life to help others has led to the creation of cutting edge programs and impacted thousands of people's lives. After the murders of her mother Yvonne, younger brother Antoine and best friend Tracey, she dedicated her life to working for the disenfranchised.

She served as Director of the Cleveland Office of Minority Health and the Northeast Ohio Director of Cultural Health Initiatives for the American Heart Association. She is a graduate of Texas Southern University and Notre Dame College of Ohio. She has the distinguished honor of being a Robert Wood Johnson Fellow.

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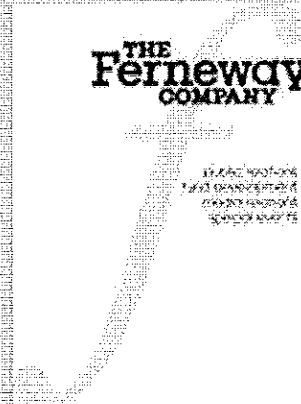
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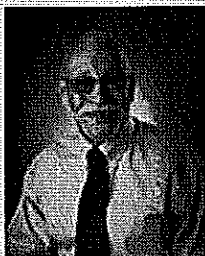
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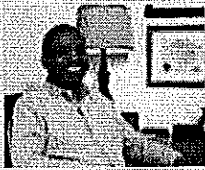


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**Midwest Forum on Hospitals, Health  
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Nov. 29- Dec. 1, 2017

The Westin Michigan Ave., Chicago

*The Forum will bring together organizations and key stakeholders  
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meeting is to engage attendees in a broad dialogue across sectors to*

*solve complex issues to improve the health of communities and integrate clinical and community health and prevention strategies. Read more below, or visit the Midwest Forum [website here](#).*

Registration\* for the Midwest Forum on Hospitals, Health Systems and Population Health: Partnerships to Build a Culture of Health is now open!

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Early Bird - \$400 (July 2017 - August 31, 2017)  
Regular - \$450 (August 15, 2017 - November 22, 2017)  
Onsite - \$500 (November 29, 2017 - December 1, 2017)  
[Pre-Conference Workshop](#) - \$80

[Explore the Midwest Forum schedule, featured speakers, hotel information, call for abstracts, pre-conference sessions, registration, and more on the updated Midwest Forum webpage!](#)

\*If you pre-registered, please use the registration link above to complete your registration.

## New Speakers Confirmed!

Midwest Forum speakers now include:

- **John Auerbach**, President and CEO, Trust for America's Health
- **Mona Hanna-Attisha**, MD, Director of the Pediatric Public Health Initiative & Pediatric Residency Program at Hurley Children's Hospital at Hurley Medical Center at Michigan State University
- **John R. Lumpkin**, MD, MPH, Senior Vice President-Program at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

- **Jan Ruma**, Vice President, Healthcare Council of Northwest Ohio (HCNO); Executive Director, Toledo/Lucas County CareNet; Director, Northwest Ohio Pathways HUB
- **Lisa Simpson**, MB, BCh, M.P.H., FAAP, President and Chief Executive Officer, AcademyHealth
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- **Steven Woolf**, MD, MPH, Professor, Director, Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Center on Society and Health

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## Submit an Abstract by August 11th!

The Midwest Forum on Hospitals, Health Systems and Population Health is seeking abstracts from stakeholders in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin to highlight successes and lessons learned related to the forum topics. Abstracts are due by 11:59pm CT on Friday, August 11, 2017. Abstracts can be submitted to [MWFabstracts@iphionline.org](mailto:MWFabstracts@iphionline.org).

[View the call for abstracts.](#)

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## About the Midwest Forum

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the existing system of care in the United States to a system that strategically plans for and supports the health of its population. Building on health equity as the core forum theme, topics include:

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- Aligning financial incentives and payment for population health
- The role of purchasers and payers in population health
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- How to engage consumers and patients in population health
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## Funding

### OMHRC Funding

- HHS/OMH, Office of Minority Health Resource Center (OMHRC): Health Information Campaign for American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Subcontracts. OMHRC is awarding subcontracts to organizations that primarily serve the AI/AN populations to strengthen existing HIV prevention services, testing, and increase AI/AN referrals to HIV care. For further information, please contact [Elton Naswood](#). Deadline for application is August 18, 2017, 5:00 pm ET | Access a recording of the [Informational webinar](#).

### Federal Grants

- HHS/National Institutes of Health (NIH): Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) (R41/R42) Grant. Deadline is September 5, 2017. [Learn more](#).
- HHS/NIH, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA): Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) (R43/R44) Grant. Deadline is September 5, 2017. [Learn more](#).
- HHS/NIH, National Cancer Institute (NCI): US Tobacco Control Policies to Reduce Health Disparities (R01) Research Project Grant. Deadline for Letter of Intent (LOI) is September 11, 2017. [Learn more](#) | A Technical Assistance webinar will be held August 8, 2017, 2:00 pm ET. [Register](#).
- HHS/NIH: Ethical, Legal, and Social Implications (ELSI) of Genomics Research Project Grant Program (R01). Deadline is October 5, 2017. [Learn more](#).

### Scholarships / Fellowships / Internships / Mentoring

- American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO): Leadership Development Program. Participants in this year-long leadership program will gain extensive exposure to the roles and mission of ASCO, and the Society's powerful place in developing the future of cancer care. Deadline is September 25, 2017. [Learn more](#).

## American Indian/Alaska Native Health

### Events

- HHS/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Tribal Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Center: Webinar. Youth Empowerment Part 2: Suicide Prevention and Social Media. The SAMHSA Tribal TTA Center will join the Center for Native American Youth and members of their 2017 Champions for Change class for a series of webinars focusing on youth empowerment in Indian Country. July 26, 2017, 3:00 pm ET. Register.
- HHS/OMH, National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities (NPA): Promoting Health Equity through Programs and Policies webinar series. Advancing Health Equity in Tribal Communities through Public Health Accreditation. This webinar will highlight the work that has been done by NPA and the National Indian Health Board at the national level as well as by local health care providers, such as the Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center, to advance health equity and improve health outcomes for AI/ANs. August 24, 2017, 3:00 pm ET. Register.

## Diabetes

### Resources

- HHS/NIH, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK): **Free print publications**. Up to 25 copies of most NIDDK titles will be made available to order free of charge if shipped to addresses within the United States. Visit NIDDK's Online Catalog to order resources for your clinic, organization, or community. Deadline for orders is August 15, 2017.

## Hispanic/Latino Health

### Events

- National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA): Registration open for the *NHMA Cardiovascular Disease and Hispanics Leadership Summit*. This summit will provide an overview of cardiovascular disease (CVD), including background, risk factors, common therapies, the number of Americans impacted, and the evolution of CVD medical innovation. August 17, 2017 in Los Angeles, CA. Register.
- National Hispanic Council on Aging (NHCOA): Regional conference. *Empowering Communities to Age with Dignity*. Two panels will be held in order to discuss the status of Hispanic caregiving, and resources and solutions for Hispanic caregivers. August 17, 2017 at One Veteran Place in Silver Spring, MD. For further information and to register, please e-mail events@nhcoa.org.

## Online Survey

- NHCOA: Request for responses to the *Hispanic Caregivers Survey/Encuesta de Cuidadores Hispanos*. NHCOA invites Hispanic caregivers to participate in this brief survey and share their insights and recommendations so that the needs of Hispanic caregivers and their families can be shared at the national level. Complete the survey in [English](#) | Complete la encuesta en [español](#).

## Maternal and Child Health

### Events

- Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs (AMCHP): Call for proposals for the 2018 AMCHP Annual Conference, *Staying Focused: The Enduring Commitment of MCH to Families and Outcomes*. Event to be held in Crystal City, VA. Deadline for proposals is September 1, 2017. [Learn more](#).
- HHS/NIH, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development: Public meeting. *Task Force on Research Specific to Pregnant Women and Lactating Women* (PRGLAC). The 21st Century Cures Act established the PRGLAC Task Force to advise the Secretary of HHS regarding gaps in knowledge and research on safe and effective therapies for pregnant women and lactating women. August 21-22, 2017 in Rockville, MD. [Register](#).

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- HHS/Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP): Call for written comments on the proposed framework for Healthy People 2030 developed by the Secretary's Advisory Committee on National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives for 2030. Deadline is September 29, 2017. [Learn more.](#)

## Public Health

### Events

- SKC Center for Prevention & Wellness, in partnership with the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board and the Community HealthCare Association of the Dakotas: Registration now open for the 2017 Public Health Training Conference, *Connecting*

*Community, Culture and Care.* This conference will address critical disease prevention and control strategies to promote, protect, and improve the health of communities while integrating local culture into comprehensive patient care. August 15-16, 2017 in Rapid City, SD. [Register](#).

## Substance Use

### Events

- HHS/Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships, in collaboration with SAMHSA and CDC: Webinar series for faith and community leaders on the current opioid addiction crisis. The first webinar, *Understanding the Opioid Crisis: What's at the Heart of the Matter?* will be held August 9, 2017, 12:00 pm ET. [Register](#) | The second webinar, *There is Hope: Treatment, Recovery, & Prevention*, will be held August 16, 2017, 12:00 pm ET. [Register](#).

# Final Report: Opioid Use, Misuse, and Overdose in Women

July 19, 2017



## Resources

- HHS/Office on Women's Health (OWH): New report. *Opioid Use, Misuse, and Overdose in Women*. This report examines prevention, treatment, and recovery issues for women who misuse, have use disorders, and/or overdose on opioids. [Learn more](#) | [Read full report \(PDF\)](#).

## @ The Knowledge Center - Recommended Reading

- In support of World Hepatitis Day, observed on Friday, **July 28th**, we are highlighting A *National Strategy for the Elimination of Hepatitis B and C*, subtitled *Phase Two Report*, a publication of the National Academies Press. In this report, editors examine the possibility of the elimination of hepatitis B and C in the U.S. and identify critical factors needed to eradicate the disease. To view this title and find additional information, [search our online catalog](#).



## Health Care Access in Ohio's Hispanic Community

Each year the Latino Affairs Commission compiles reports on topics relating to Ohio's Hispanic community. Our reports are designed to educate and facilitate discussion on particular matters relating to the Latino community.

We are pleased to present you with our most recent Latino Community Report, which investigates the barriers and opportunities related to health care access for Latinos in Ohio. A critique on mental health service accessibility is provided, as well as opportunities to increase impact.



Please [click here](#) to view the Latino Community Report. If you would like a hard copy mailed to you, please [email us](#). We hope to see you at the annual Latino Health Summit this Friday!

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## **An Overview of Health Care Access in Ohio's Hispanic Community**



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## LPCA Annual Conference - Call for Speaker

### Abstracts

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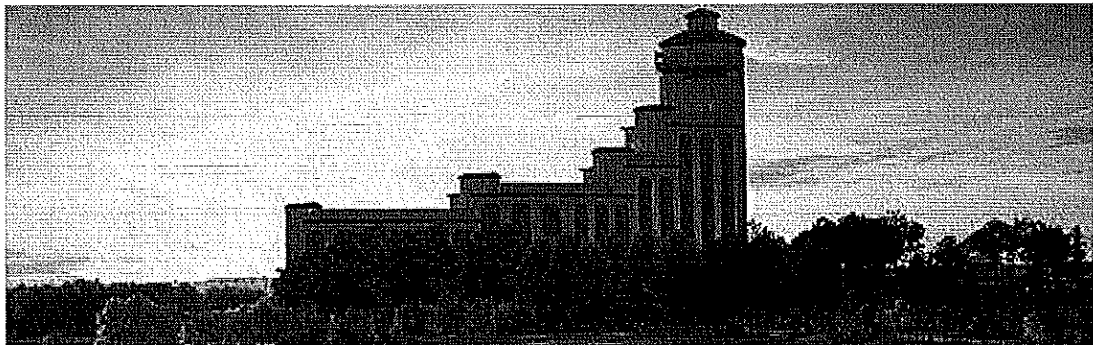
**The Louisiana Primary Care Association is currently accepting speaker abstract proposals for our 2017 Annual Conference!**

**When: October 10-13, 2017**

**Where: L'Auberge Casino Resort, Lake Charles, LA**

This annual event gathers health center clinicians, administrators, CEOs, board members, and partners from across the healthcare spectrum to discuss issues relevant to community health centers and the patients they serve.

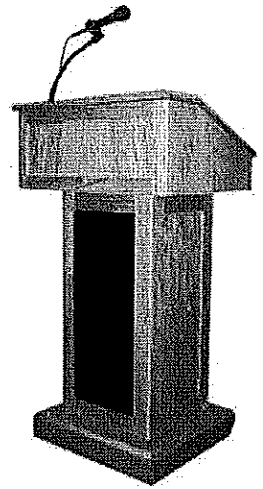
Our theme is "FQHCs: Models of Excellence in Health Care." We will also be celebrating 35 years of serving Louisiana's Community Health Centers! This year's conference will be **BIGGER** and **BETTER** than ever!



**[Click here to submit a speaker abstract!](#)**

Presentations should reflect a current health care model that aligns with the following categories:

- Medical, Dental or Behavioral Health
- Quality, Transformation, and Risk Management
- Administrative Policies and Practices
- Outreach and Enrollment
- Human Resources
- Finance and Billing
- Legislative and Policy
- Customer Service
- Marketing and Public Relations



**We encourage you to view suggested conference topics.**

Please submit proposals in areas/topics for which you are passionate and have demonstrated expertise that align with this year's theme. Proposed topics must be as specific as possible. Each submission should concentrate on a single topic for presentation.

Multiple submissions from the same applicant are allowed. A concurrent session is 60 minutes in length (50-minute lecture and 10-minute question & answer session). Presenters will receive complimentary registration, lodging and meals.

All abstracts must be received by Friday, July 14, 2017 to be considered for inclusion in the 2017 agenda. Speakers will be notified of their acceptance by Friday, July 28, 2017.

**Questions may be referred to LPCA Director of Clinical Quality, Shannon Robertson at [srobertson@lpca.net](mailto:srobertson@lpca.net) or [www.lpca.net](http://www.lpca.net) for more information.**

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## Funding Opportunity Announcement

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## **BUCKEYE HEALTH PLAN TO SPONSOR COMMUNITY PARTNERS TENT AT 2017 OHIO STATE FAIR**

**Buckeye Health Plan** is proud to once again sponsor our Community Partners Tent at the 2017 Ohio State Fair in Columbus! Please plan to stop by and say hello!

Each day of the state fair, the tent will give 4 different respected partner agencies (a total of 48 organizations over the 12 days of the fair) a chance to showcase and exhibit their unique and vital community services to thousands of fair visitors – compliments of **Buckeye Health Plan**.

This year's lineup has been organized to correspond with the Fair's pre-selected theme days. The 2017 Ohio State Fair begins on Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> and ends on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>.

Listed below is the schedule for the Community Partners Tent, which is located just south of the Taste of Ohio Pavilion (the round building) near the midway at the Fairgrounds.

**See everyone at the fair!**



## **Ohio State Fair – Community Partners Tent**

### **Schedule of Organizations Attending**

#### **Wednesday, July 26th**

#### **Charitable Services Day**

- March of Dimes, Kevin Dooley, Columbus
- National Kidney Foundation, Antoinette Greene, Columbus



- American Cancer Society, Leigh Anne Hehr, Dublin
- Ohio Breast & Cervical Cancer Project, Sue Jacks, Newark

### **Thursday, July 27th**

#### **Services for Families Day**

- Salvation Army of Columbus, Kristin Harmon, Columbus
- American Red Cross of Central Ohio, Iris Martinez Juergens, Columbus
- Ohio United Way, Timothy Roe, Columbus
- Greater Cincinnati Community Action Agency, Lamont Taylor, Cincinnati

### **Friday, July 28th**

#### **Community Action Day**

- Impact Community Action Agency of Franklin County, Carmen Allen, Columbus
- Bridge Community Action Agency of Delaware, Madison, Shelby & Union Counties, Shelley Harmon and Lynda Lukey
- Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, Dontavius Jarrells, Columbus
- Family & Community Services/Valley Counseling of Trumbull Co., Anthonette Blake

### **Saturday, July 29th**

#### **Local Healthcare/Medical Clinics Day**

- FACES at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Wynette Collins/Cory D'Ambrosio, Columbus
- BC4Teens at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Sarah Saxbe, Columbus
- Community Health Centers of Dayton, Shanise Wade, Dayton
- PrimaryOne Health, Yolanda Owens, Columbus
- Moms2B at OSU Wexner Medical Center, Carmen Clutter, Columbus

### **Sunday, July 30th**

#### **Buckeye Health Plan Day**

- Buckeye Health Plan, Christopher Beers, 330-631-5965, [cbeers@centene.com](mailto:cbeers@centene.com)

- USMM/Visiting Physicians, Jennifer Slabinski and Kelly Stewart, Cincinnati
- Columbus Division of Fire, City of Columbus, Trina Cain and Jaime Sierra, Columbus
- City of Columbus Recreation & Parks Department, Greg Winbush, Columbus

### **Monday, July 31st**

#### **Services for Children Day**

- National Youth Advocate Program, Ruby Gamble, Cleveland, and Lance Livi, Columbus
- Action for Children of Columbus, Sarah Pontious, Columbus
- Child Development Council of Franklin County, Anita Davis, Columbus
- Early Childhood Resource Network of Central Ohio/YMCA Head Start, Samantha Stewart and Chudney Williams, Columbus

### **Tuesday, August 1st**

#### **Services for Senior Citizens Day**

- Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging, Jane Acri and John Lamotte, Columbus
- Ohio-Coalition of Adult Protective Services, Susan Marshall and Jamye Richards, Columbus
- Alzheimer's Association, Central Ohio Chapter, Caitlin Purk, Columbus
- Access to Independence, Vince Pelose, Ravenna

### **Wednesday, August 2nd**

#### **Disability Services Day**

- The Center for Disability Empowerment, Shari Veleba, Columbus
- The Mentor Network (Ohio Mentor), Jessica Schmieler, Cleveland
- Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth (SAFY), Tiffany Bailey, Dayton
- Community Assessment & Treatment Services, Robert Newman, Cleveland

### **Thursday, August 3rd**

#### **Minority Health Day**

- Ohio Commission on Minority Health, Angela Dawson, Columbus

- Columbus Urban League, Tiffany Dailey, Columbus
- National Association of Social Workers, Gregory Stewart, Cincinnati
- Resolute Group, Certified Navigators, Marjorie Moseley, Dayton

### **Friday, August 4th**

#### **Community Services Day**

- Volunteers of America, John Hill and Arica Morgan, Columbus
- Franklin County Department of Job & Family Services, LeeAnn Whaley, Columbus
- Buckeye Ranch, Tanithia Freeman, Columbus
- The Bair Foundation Child & Family Ministries, Adrienne Willis, Columbus

### **Saturday, August 5th**

#### **Drug/Alcohol Treatment Prevention Services Day**

- Amethyst Inc., Valerie Coleman, Columbus
- ORCA House Inc., Rochena Crosby, Cleveland
- Northern Ohio Recovery Association, Cathy Davis, Cleveland
- Reeb Avenue Center, Ruth Bell, Columbus

### **Sunday, August 6th**

#### **Job/Employment Services-Economic Development Day**

- Red Treehouse (Ronald McDonald House), Jeanine Carroll, Cleveland
- Dress for Success Columbus, Bridgett McKinnon, Columbus
- Pyramid Community Development Corp, Linda Nelson, Columbus
- USO of Central and Southern Ohio, Jackie Spector, Columbus

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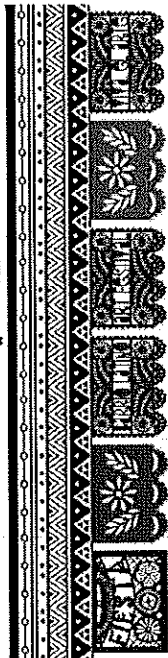
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# BARRIO LATINO ART FESTIVAL

Dear Friend,

The 6th Barrio Latino Art Festival celebrates diversity, innovation, and creative achievement--is being planned for Aug. 13, 2017 at 1205 Broadway St (corner of Broadway St and Western St), Toledo, OH 43609, from 12 Noon to 9:00 pm. Barrio Latino Arts Festival, will promote tourism, culture heritage, and the arts in a bold and innovative way. Our mission is to support artists, promote artistic expression, create funds for local charitable organizations, and bring visitors and neighbors together to share in the spirit of the arts in our community. Proceeds from this festival go towards supporting two area nonprofit organizations: (1) NUESTRA GENTE Community Projects, Inc., (2) THE PROVIDENCE CENTER. . We recognize the positive effect creative activity has on individuals: providing enjoyment, enlivening spaces, and enriching lives. The festival also makes a practical contribution in terms of sustainability, providing employment, encouraging learning, and inspiring people to adopt active lifestyles. The festival includes live music; folk dancing performances; artisans and crafters with handmade products such as scarves, blankets, cosmetics, and jewelry; a car show; and art kid's activities including a drawing table, face painting, recognition award to an artist, artwork on display, mural painting, crafts, car show, jalapeño contest, and many other special performances and forms of entertainment. Authentic Hispanic food prepared by cooks from the community is one of our biggest attractions. The festival is set in the heart of an urban neighborhood in South Toledo and attracts a very diverse crowd. And, of course, there are offerings for all age groups. The event will be held on the street in open areas with full access for people with disabilities and is easily accessible from public bus routes. We want to increase the attractiveness of the area to tourists, businesses, people and investments through the festival. People (tourists/visitors) spend money on attending the arts and on local businesses. Further, local spending by these arts venues and patronized businesses has indirect multiplier effects.

The Barrio Latino Art Festival brings people and organizations together to celebrate the diversity within the Hispanic heritage and culture. The program will balance community participation with excellence by offering events of both a local and international flavor. Admission is free.

This is a chance to give back to the community and give at-risk youth life-changing opportunities through the arts. Supporting us helps us show our kids another way of life.

We would be grateful if you could support our community Arts Festival. More than 900 volunteers and spectators were in attendance last year, and the event was covered by the local newspapers and television stations. We are anxiously looking forward to even greater success at this year's event and our teens are running much of the programming. If you support us, we will include you in all marketing materials, to our website and plan on recognizing your organization at our event.

Below are the details concerning this year's sponsorship levels:



**Elite Sponsorship options:**



**\$1,500 PLATINUM** Full page (5 x 7 ½) ad on the front inside page of program book, logo on the poster, sponsor name promoted during the festival, on posters, La Prensa newspaper, information booth space;



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**\$950** – 2 ½ x 3 ¾ quarter page ad;



**\$100** - 2 ½ x 1 ¾ business card;



**\$80** for 2-4 lines in the festival program book.

If your organization would like to participate in this year's event as a sponsor, please contact me or simply make check payable to: **Barrio Latino Arts Festival** and mail your payment to: **P.O. Box 140661, Toledo, Ohio 43614**. Deadline for sponsorship/ads is July 28, 2017.

Your contributions to this event are tax deductible as allowed by State and Federal laws.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

**Gracias!**

Linda Parra  
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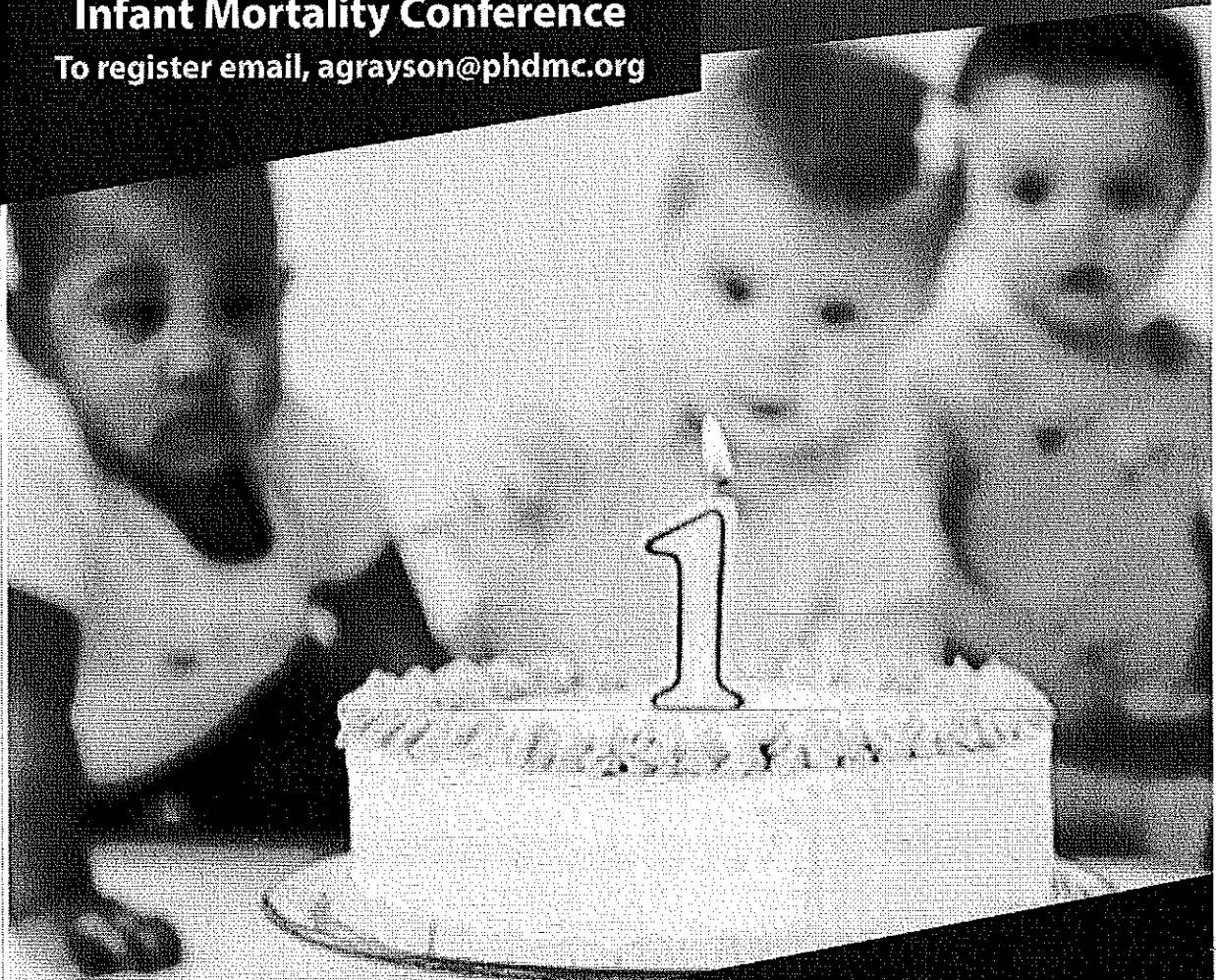
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- To reduce inequalities in preterm births



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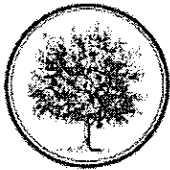
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### **The Buckeye Institute Experts Weigh-in on Senate Veto Overrides**

**Columbus, OH -** The Buckeye Institute's experts commented on actions taken by the Ohio Senate regarding Governor John Kasich's vetoes in the state's biennial budget.

#### **Medicaid Managed Care Sales Tax Replacement Plan**

"We are pleased that the Ohio Senate did not override Governor Kasich's veto of the Medicaid managed care organization sales tax replacement plan and we hope it is not resurrected at a future point," said **Greg R. Lawson**, research fellow at The Buckeye Institute. "This is a difficult decision, given that county and local officials are clamoring for more taxpayer dollars, however, it is the right one. This is not the time to raise taxes on health insurance plans, but it is time for local governments to justify their local spending to local taxpayers."

#### **Healthy Ohio Waiver**

"It is disappointing that today the Senate did not act to join the House in overriding Governor Kasich's veto of the Healthy Ohio waiver," said **Rea S. Hederman Jr.**, executive vice president at The Buckeye Institute and a nationally recognized expert in health care policy. "With Washington's failure to act on health care reform, the Healthy Ohio waiver would empower Medicaid recipients to obtain better care, put Ohio's Medicaid program on sounder financial footing, and ensure that needy Medicaid enrollees have to access to good medical care."

Hederman continued, "The Senate has until the end of the legislative session to reconsider and override the governor's veto of Healthy Ohio. In addition, the Ohio House also has until the end of the legislative session to override the governor's veto of the Medicaid expansion freeze, which the Senate could then act on. These two actions would further ensure that Medicaid is made sustainable and is focused on the truly needy."

#### **Legislative Oversight of the Controlling Board**

"The Senate acted wisely and deserves a round of applause for joining the House in restoring legislative oversight to the Controlling Board," said **Rea S. Hederman Jr.**, executive vice president at The Buckeye Institute and a nationally recognized expert in health care policy. "The Senate's action guarantees that the full legislature will have the final say in approving major new spending programs and all the strings that come with them."

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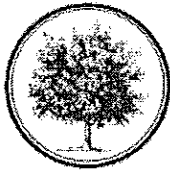
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### The Medicaid Pac-Man Keeps Eating-Up Your Tax Dollars

**By Greg R. Lawson**

**August 23, 2017**

According to the Office of Budget and Management's **first monthly report** from the new fiscal, the Pac-Man of the state budget, Medicaid continues to grow.

The table below, from the OBM report, shows that Medicaid spending in July of 2017 (the first month of Fiscal Year 2018) was \$271.9 million more than the spending in July of 2016. That is a 16 percent increase and one of the largest increases in state government.

**Table 4**  
**GENERAL REVENUE FUND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**ACTUAL FY 2018 VS ACTUAL FY 2017**  
**(\$ in thousands)**

Functional Reporting Categories Description	MONTH				YEAR-TO-DATE			
	JULY FY 2018	JULY FY 2017	\$ VAR	% VAR	ACTUAL FY 2018	ACTUAL FY 2017	\$ VAR	% VAR
Primary and Secondary Education	781,970	738,815	43,154	5.8%	781,970	738,815	43,154	5.8%
Higher Education	170,355	180,677	(10,322)	-5.7%	170,355	180,677	(10,322)	-5.7%
Other Education	7,952	8,317	(365)	-4.4%	7,952	8,317	(365)	-4.4%
Medicaid	1,972,140	1,700,244	271,896	16.0%	1,972,140	1,700,244	271,896	16.0%
Health and Human Services	121,558	125,917	(4,359)	-3.5%	121,558	125,917	(4,359)	-3.5%
Justice and Public Protection	273,532	261,533	11,999	4.6%	273,532	261,533	11,999	4.6%
General Government	43,967	33,536	10,431	31.1%	43,967	33,536	10,431	31.1%
Property Tax Reimbursements	3,158	74	3,084	4171.5%	3,158	74	3,084	4171.5%
Debt Service	228,477	244,405	(15,928)	-6.5%	228,477	244,405	(15,928)	-6.5%
<b>Total Expenditures &amp; ISTV's</b>	<b>3,603,109</b>	<b>3,293,519</b>	<b>309,590</b>	<b>9.4%</b>	<b>3,603,109</b>	<b>3,293,519</b>	<b>309,590</b>	<b>9.4%</b>
<b>Transfers Out:</b>								
BSF Transfer	0	29,483	(29,483)	N/A	0	29,483	(29,483)	N/A
Operating Transfer Out	500	169,738	(169,238)	-99.7%	500	169,738	(169,238)	-99.7%
Temporary Transfer Out	0	0	0	N/A	0	0	0	N/A
<b>Total Transfers Out</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>199,221</b>	<b>(198,721)</b>	<b>-99.7%</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>199,221</b>	<b>(198,721)</b>	<b>-99.7%</b>
<b>Total Fund Uses</b>	<b>3,603,609</b>	<b>3,492,739</b>	<b>110,870</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>3,603,609</b>	<b>3,492,739</b>	<b>110,870</b>	<b>3.2%</b>

Source: Office of Budget and Management

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Those numbers should frighten everyone.

Thus far, Medicaid spending continues to grow rapidly and consume all in its path. In fact, Medicaid spending growth was happening well before the misguided expansion in 2013, and the influx of three quarters of a million able-bodied adults into the program has added new stresses on the program.

And while Congress can't seem to get its act together on repealing and replacing Obamacare, the "free federal money," which of course, isn't really free, is being cut under the current law. Which means more cost to you through your state tax dollars and your federal tax dollars.



## **There's No Such Thing as Free Medicaid Dollars**

Someone once said there's no such thing as a free lunch. The same is true of Medicaid dollars. Whether the money is coming from the state or from the federal government, it is still your taxpayer dollars.

Medicaid is a joint state/federal program where both levels of government contribute tax dollars. The amount of federal tax dollars sent to individual states varies based upon population and poverty rates. The percentage of federal dollars spent in any state is known as the federal medical assistance percentage, or **FMAP**. For Ohio, the regular FMAP is **62.32 percent**. This means that for every dollar spent on non-expansion Medicaid recipients, Ohio puts in more than 37 cents and the federal government more than 62 cents. But remember, all that money is taxpayer dollars, so it is all being collected from you and me.

The government had to complicate matters, as governments often do, when it set a different FMAP for those qualifying under Obamacare's Medicaid expansion. Initially the federal government (again, using your tax dollars) would cover 100 percent of costs for the expansion population.

Sounds good, right? This is a vastly more generous reimbursement than the feds give for the rest of the Medicaid program, including for the elderly, disabled, and medically fragile children. The enhanced funding gave the illusion of the expansion being essentially free to the state, but, of course, just because the money is redistributed from D.C., doesn't mean it's not still your tax dollars.

However, the FMAP for those qualifying under Obamacare's Medicaid expansion was always intended to be temporary and it is scheduled to be phased down to 90 percent by 2020 and further still in the future. That means the state will be required to cover more of the costs over time.

## **Two Steps Forward, One Step Back**

In an effort to begin to get control of Medicaid spending, the General Assembly took some steps in the most recent biennial budget bill. Among these include: reforms to how much unexpected federal dollars the **Controlling Board** can spend without the assent of the full General Assembly and reasserting legislative control over expanding Medicaid to populations that aren't mandated under federal law.

These policy changes are good first steps in reigning in the Pac-Man of the Ohio budget and put Medicaid on a sounder financial footing.

Unfortunately, despite all its work during the budget process to include a requirement that the Kasich Administration resubmit the **Healthy Ohio** waiver to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Ohio Senate has not joined the Ohio House in overriding Governor Kasich's veto. The waiver would empower Medicaid recipients to obtain better care, return to work, and ensure that needy Medicaid enrollees have to access to good medical services.

The Senate has until the end of the legislative session to join the House in voting to override the governor's veto, not doing so would be a missed opportunity to improve Medicaid even further while showing Washington that Ohio, and other states, can take the lead in smart health policy.

*Greg R. Lawson is the research fellow at The Buckeye Institute.*

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Buckeye's Greg Lawson recently authored the below piece for the *2017 Index of Culture and Opportunity* which is published by the Heritage Foundation. The index evaluates a range of factors needed to sustain freedom and opportunity in America.

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### A Mixed National Jobs Picture

The Heritage Foundation's *2017 Index of Culture and Opportunity*  
By Greg R. Lawson

Key job metrics over the past decade paint a mixed national jobs picture. On one hand, the number of job openings over that time shows a positive path and indicates relative optimism in the economy. On the other hand, the actual hiring rate fell, which suggests that not all is well in the labor market. Taken together, this shows the need to continue improving the environment for economic opportunities that can help all Americans.

Given the "Great Recession" of 2007-2009, it is heartening to see that the overall job-opening rate has managed to achieve a positive direction. According to the U.S.

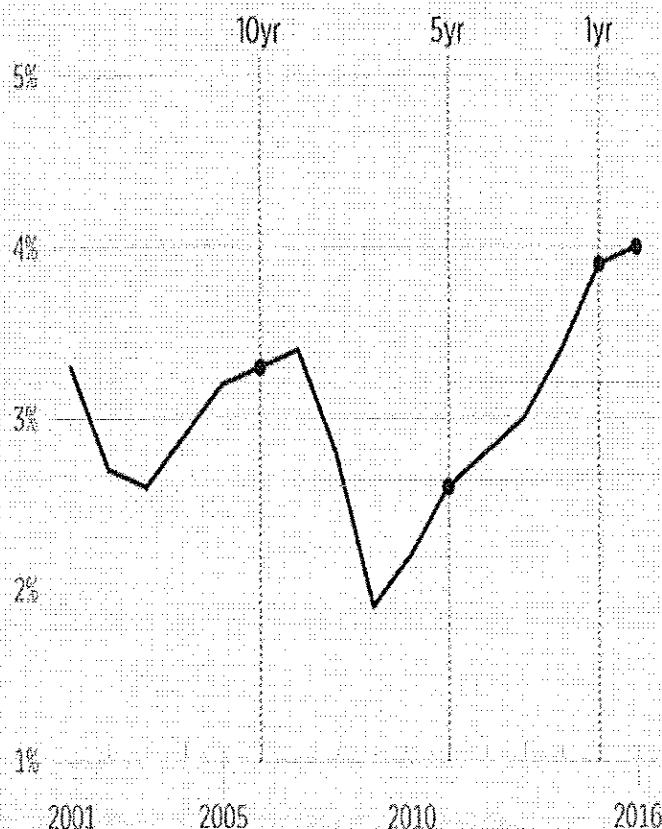
Department of Labor Jobs Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS), the number of job openings grew by 0.7 percentage point between 2006 and 2016.[1] This set of data is critical to understanding how many job opportunities exist in the economy. The higher this number and growth rate, the greater the chances an individual looking for work will be able to find it.

CHANGES | 10-year ▲ 0.7 | 5-year ▲ 1.4 | 1-year ▲ 0.1

## Job Openings Rate

From 2006 to 2016, the job openings rate increased by 0.7 percentage point.

MONTHLY JOB OPENINGS/VACANCIES AS A PERCENTAGE OF ALL PRIVATE-SECTOR JOBS AND JOB OPENINGS



SOURCE: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey.

Yet the JOLTS data also show that actual hiring rates declined over the same 10 years by 0.3 percent.[2] One clear implication of this divergence is that there remains a significant

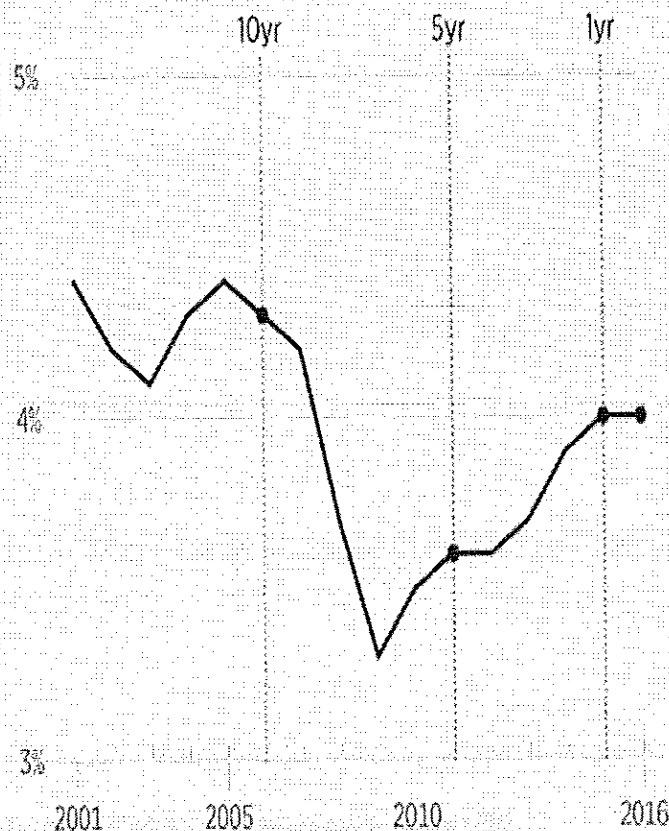
challenge within the overall labor force. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), in January 2006, the labor force participation rate (LFPR) in the United States was a reasonably healthy 82.6 percent for the cohort aged 25-54 (the prime-working age population).[3] Yet by December 2016, it was only 81.4 percent and had remained mired at or below 81 percent since the end of 2011.[4] This echoes the disturbing findings in the work of Nicholas Eberstadt and Charles Murray, which detail a long-term trend of lower work rates for middle-age men over the past half-century.[5]

CHANGES | 10-year ▼ 0.3 | 5-year ▲ 0.4 | 1-year No change

## Job Hires Rate

From 2006 to 2016,  
the job hires rate  
decreased by 0.3  
percentage point.

MONTHLY NEW HIRES AS A PERCENTAGE OF ALL JOBS



SOURCE: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey.

This means that there are fewer prospective workers seeking work. While demographic trends in the U.S. can explain a portion of this decline, this is unlikely to be a fully sufficient explanation. For example, the growth of government-funded health care through Medicaid expansion in many states has been shown to reduce the incentives of low-income Americans to seek work.[6]

Another factor is the large number of Americans receiving payments from Social Security's Disability Insurance Fund. In 2016, there were nearly 2 million more Americans than there were in 2006.[7] Once individuals are on disability, it is often difficult to encourage them to seek gainful employment again or keep them attached to the labor force.[8]

Additionally, drug use and addiction issues make it difficult for many employers to find workers that can pass screenings.[9] This is echoed in findings from some diagnostic information services companies.[10] This is an especially tragic problem in Ohio, which led the nation in opiate overdose fatalities in 2014 with over 2,100.[11]

Finally, the "skills gap" theory assumes that employers are dissatisfied with the skill level of prospective employees and cannot find adequate talent to fill their openings. However, there is a lot of pushback on this theory given that the obvious consequence of such a gap should be rapidly growing wages as employers seek to procure the best talent. Despite a recent upward trend, the fact that a dramatic increase in wages has largely not happened since the end of the Great Recession raises questions about the applicability of this theory.[12]

Years after the Great Recession, significant problems remain when it comes to connecting a broad swath of prospective workers to open jobs. Tackling the hard tasks of reforming Medicaid, better monitoring Social Security Disability payments, and getting treatment for those suffering the scourge of addiction will prove to be indispensable in fixing this state of affairs.

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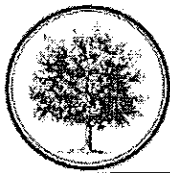
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### Students and Parents Are Given Little Choice When it Comes to School Choice

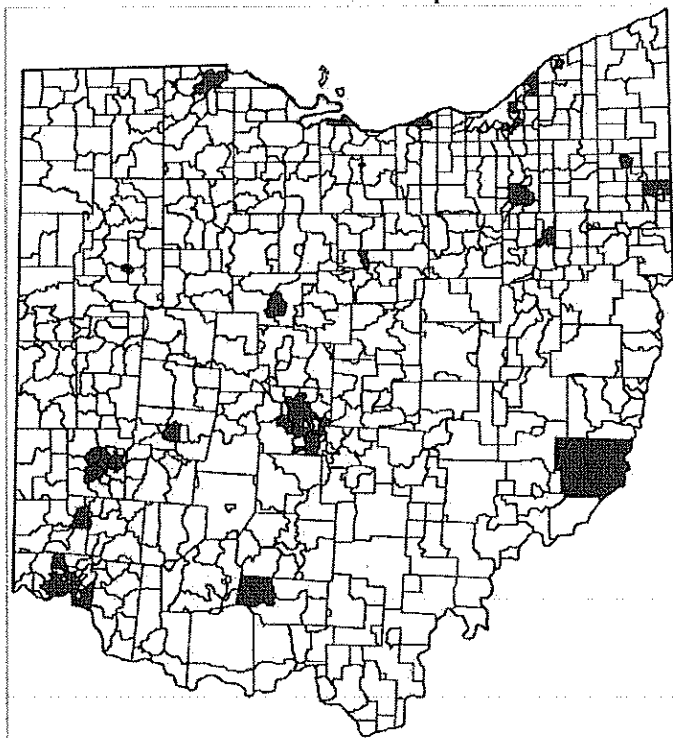
**By Greg R. Lawson**  
**August 31, 2017**

More families in Ohio should be able have to avail themselves of school choice than are being allowed to. This is a tragedy for those seeking to escape schools that are not meeting their needs.


Ohio is one of only a few states where it's largest school choice program, the **EdChoice Scholarship**, is available only to those students who are assigned to failing schools. However, due to the **safe harbor** provision, which suspends the consequences of schools failing tests for the 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years, many students are not eligible for EdChoice even if they are in a failing school.

For example, this map shows EdChoice eligible districts for the 2016-2017 school year after applying the safe harbor provisions. As you can see, students in only a few areas of the state are eligible.

**EdChoice Eligible Schools  
2016-17 District Map**

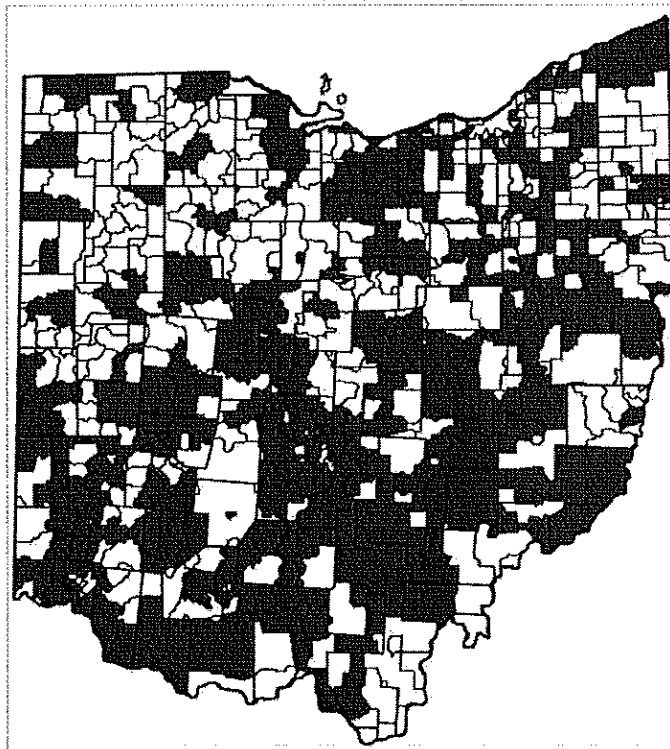


Source: Ohio Department of Education


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As a comparison, this map shows how many areas would become eligible for EdChoice in the absence of the safe harbor provisions. They look radically different and show just how many students in failing would be able to take advantage of the EdChoice program if it were not for the safe harbor restriction.

**Simulation – EdChoice Eligible Districts  
Safe Harbor Removed**



Source: Ohio Department of Education

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Another program available to lower income families is the EdChoice Expansion Program. This program allows students from lower income families to escape failing schools irrespective of the results from state testing. However, given the funding mechanism and the fewer dollars available, far fewer students are able to access the program.

There are several solutions to this sad state of affairs. First, safe harbor provisions should be eliminated so that EdChoice can function the way it was intended. Alternatively, Ohio should scrap the failing schools model completely and shift to a full income-based approach similar to how the EdChoice Expansion Program operates. Given that few states have a failing school model, this type of shift would bring Ohio closer in line with school choice programs in other states.

Even better, Ohio should move towards fully embracing education savings accounts, (ESA) as outlined in The Buckeye Institute's report, *Education Savings Accounts: Expanding Education Options for Ohio*.

The report outlines precisely how ESAs would enable parents to customize their child's education to meet his or her unique needs. For example, ESAs would allow parents to pay not only for private schools, but also allow them to use any remaining money in the account to pay for additional educational items such as textbooks, tutors, enroll students in online classes, or even save money for college.

At the end of the day, Ohio should stop short-changing parents' ability to choose the best education environment for their children. Every student has the right to be given all of the tools they need to succeed. They should not be denied due to policies that protect school systems over school students.

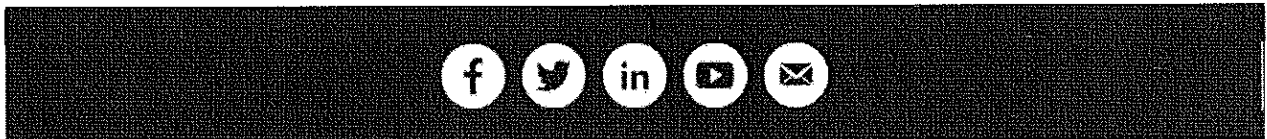
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